



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Parks and Recreation Board

**FROM:** Michael J. Heitz, AIA, Director  
Parks and Recreation Department

**DATE:** January 19, 1994

**SUBJECT:** Courtyard Boat Docks - Revision to approved plan  
File # SP-92-0109D Update 4

Urban Design Group, on behalf of the Courtyard Homeowners Association and Harvard Development, has submitted a revision to the plan approved by the Board at the meeting held on May 26, 1992.

The attached plan, figure 1, is the plan approved by the Board. Only one six slip unit has so far been constructed; this is the one that is farthest downstream.

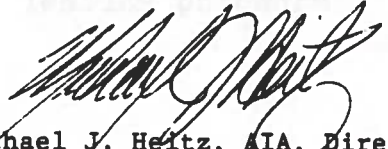
The revision that has been requested is to relocate the remaining two units downstream of the existing and to construct them in phases as the development of the subdivision progresses, indicated in figure 2.

The new locations, downstream of the existing, move the remaining two units away from the County Line restaurant and boat docks and the existing slips and boat ramp on the north shore. These revised locations were discussed at the time of the original submission and were generally believed to be better locations; however, for some reason the approved plans did not indicate this.

### **Recommendation**

I recommend approval of the revised location of the remaining two units and for them to be constructed in phases, as shown in figure 2, in accordance with Site Plan # SP-92-0109D Update 4.

If I can answer any questions or provide you with any additional information, please let me know.

  
Michael J. Heitz, AIA, Director  
Parks and Recreation Department

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Urban Design Group

January 13, 1994

Mr. Michael J. Heitz, Director  
Parks & Recreation Department  
City of Austin  
200 South Lamar  
Austin, TX 78704

Re: Courtyard Boat Docks (SP92-0109D)  
Revision to Site Plan

UDG # 92-081

Dear Mr. Heitz:

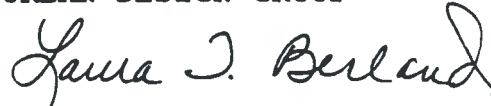
On behalf of our clients, the Courtyard Homeowners Association and Harvard Development, we respectfully request approval of the relocation of two boat docks. This project meets all requirements for the construction of boat docks (Article VI, Division 4, Part E) of the Land Development Code and has been previously approved by the Parks Board on May 26, 1992. (Figure 1)

The location of the marina is in a common area of the Courtyard Phase 3-D Subdivision (C814-75-002.10(81) on Bull Creek and is subject to the 1984 Lake Austin Ordinance 84-0301-F as amended. The two most westerly boat docks are proposed to be relocated downstream away from the County Line Restaurant, providing a wider, safer passageway for boaters. (Figure 2) This area is restricted to No Wake speed.

This correction to the plan moves the docks to the area shown to the Parks and Recreation Staff during a site visit last spring. Through an oversight, the plan was not corrected to show the proper location before approval by the Planning Department.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information to process this request.

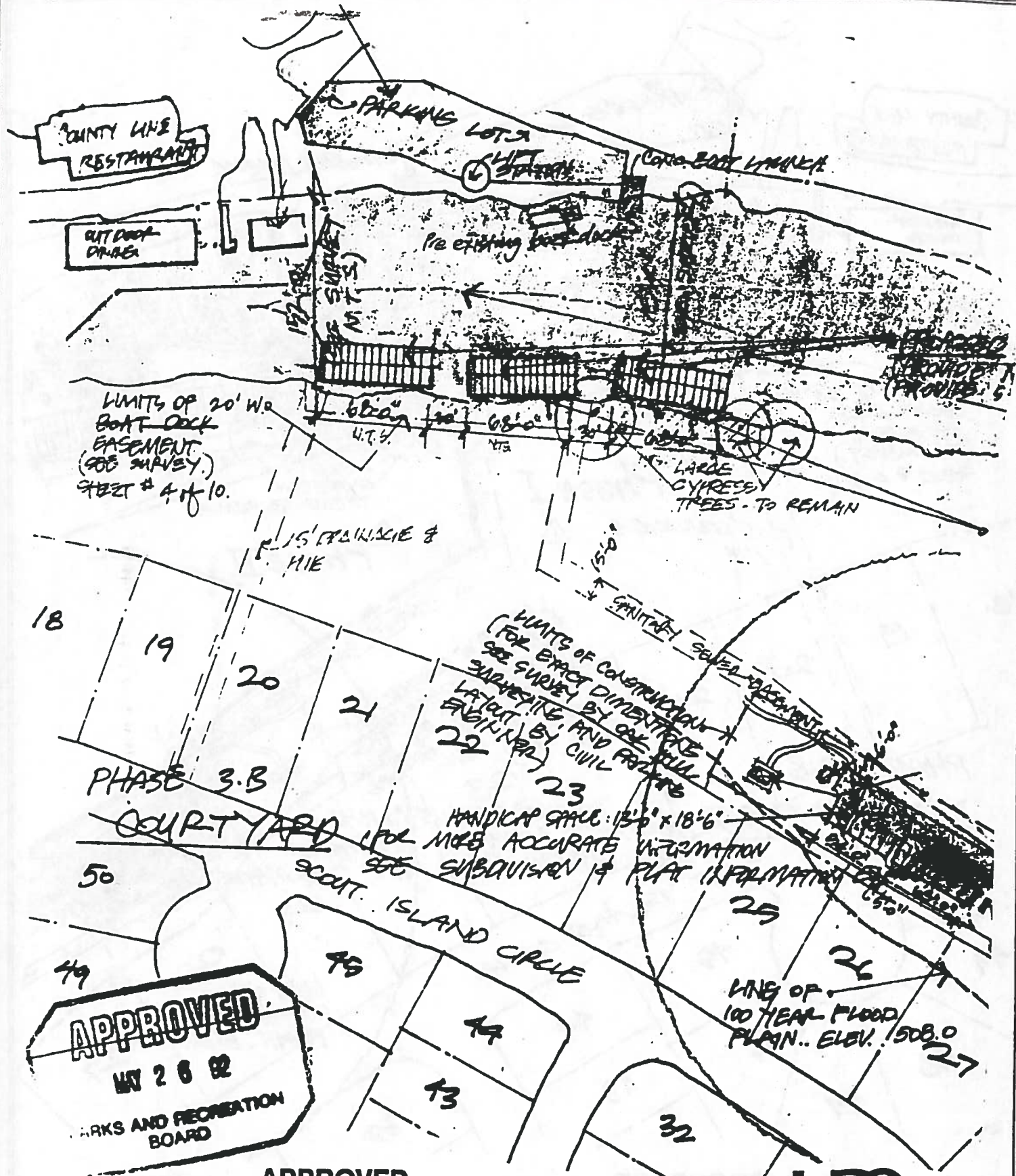
Sincerely,  
URBAN DESIGN GROUP

  
Laura Toups Berland, P.E.  
Managing Partner

Copy: Ms. Mapi Vigil  
Mr. Greg Guernsey

Attachments

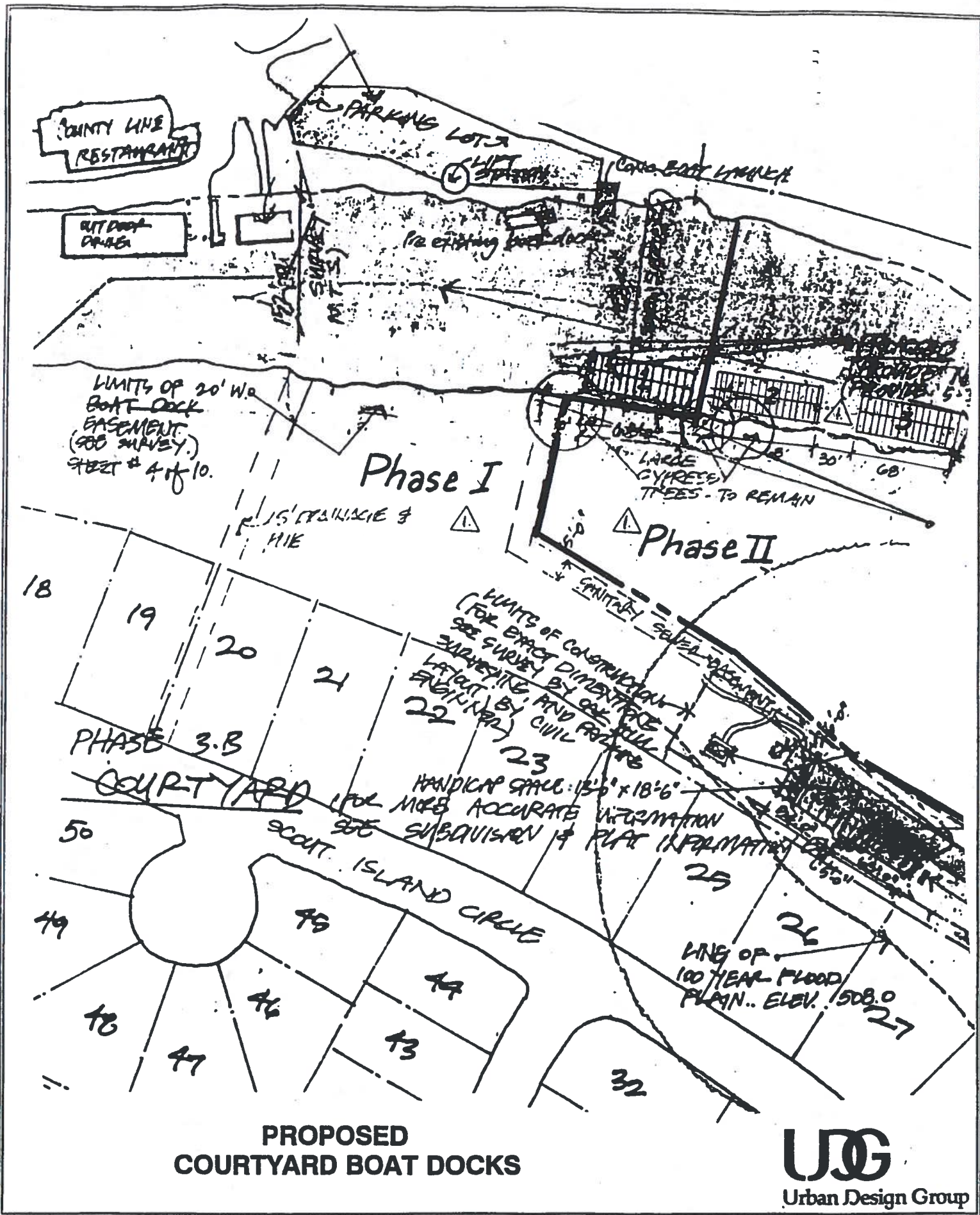
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APPROVED  
COURTYARD BOAT DOCKS

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Parks and Recreation Board

**FROM:** Michael J. Heitz, AIA, Director  
Parks and Recreation Department

**DATE:** January 5, 1994

**SUBJECT:** Walsh Boat Landing Rezoning

On October 26, 1993, the Planning Commission approved the rezoning of Walsh Boat Landing (see attached map) to "P-Public District" with recommendations that PARD address the issues listed below as soon as possible. These recommendations were made in response to West Austin Neighborhood Group's (WANG) concerns about increased traffic and parking problems in the immediate area, due to the recent development and popularity of Oyster Landing.

- o to limit the parking lot to a maximum of 24 hours;
- o to post signs prohibiting parking other than for park and boat landing uses;
- o to remove ECSD (Environmental and Conservation Services Department) sweeper debris transfer site from northern part of lot; and
- o to use pervious pavers for future paving of the parking area, to keep the site as natural as possible.

Following are explanations of these issues.

- o **PARKING LIMIT:** Currently, continuous parking is allowed in the lot for 60 hours, so that boaters may launch their boats, leave their vehicles (including trailers) in the lot, and be on the lake for a couple of days. These boaters spend nights on their boats, camp on private or public property, or stay with friends who live along the lake. I feel that a recreation need is being served.

WANG's concerns center on wanting more parking control and turnover in the general area because increased congestion is impacting the streets in front of their homes. Reportedly, during nice weather months, Oyster Landing restaurant patrons park in the Walsh Boat Landing lot, forcing some boaters to leave their vehicles on the nearby residential streets for extended periods. In addition, there have been complaints of

boat owners' leaving their trailers in the lot to save on storage fees, of people living in their vehicles in the lot, of vehicles abandoned in the lot, and of "For Sale" vehicles left on the lot for extended periods. The request to limit parking to 24 hours is aimed primarily at discouraging these sorts of unlawful uses of the lot, not to discourage extended periods of boating.

The new Oyster Landing development attracts a large number of patrons. Adequate parking is provided, but much of it is located across the street in several LCRA parking lots. At least initially, patrons were less inclined to use these lots than to park wherever they could along or near the street, including the Walsh parking lot.

Oyster Landing business owners have been working with their personnel and patrons, the City and nearby residents to encourage parking in the LCRA lots, to create pedestrian crossings from these LCRA lots to the restaurants, and to improve traffic safety through the congested area. Hopefully, these efforts will improve the parking situation at Walsh.

It is possible that the current use of Walsh as a boat landing may become less appropriate as the area is more densely developed. At this time, however, I am confident that Walsh is satisfying a recreation demand, especially given the fact that there are only three free, public ramps on Lake Austin. Therefore, I recommend the following compromise: to limit the parking lot to 24 hours **EXCEPT** for vehicles with **ATTACHED** trailers, which will be allowed to park for 60 hours.


- o **SIGNS:** I agree with the posting of recommended signs. They have been ordered and should be posted soon.
- o **ECSD TRANSFER SITE:** ECSD currently uses a northern part of the lot to empty street sweepers when they are sweeping in the neighborhood. The debris may remain for a day or so before another truck picks it up for transfer to the landfill. PARD is working with ECSD to try to relocate the transfer site.
- o **PAVING OF LOT:** If and when funds are made available to pave the parking lot, PARD will incorporate as much tree protection into the lot design as possible. However, I do not recommend being held at this time to a particular paving material or method.

**RECOMMENDATION**

I request your support for the following positions in response to the Planning Commission's recommendations, made on October 26, 1993, related to the rezoning of Walsh Boat Landing:

- (1) approve the rezoning of the parkland to "P-Public District";
- (2) retain the 60 hour parking limit at the lot for vehicles with attached trailers; reduce the limit to 24 hours for all other vehicles;
- (3) post signs prohibiting parking in the lot except by park and landing users (already under way);
- (4) work with ECSD to relocate the debris transfer site (already under way); and
- (5) provide maximum tree protection if and when the parking lot is paved.

Neighborhood organizations in the area, as well as the developer of Oyster Landing, have been invited to attend the Board's meeting. City Council is scheduled to review this rezoning, along with the Planning Commission's recommendations and the Board's response, on January 27, 1994.



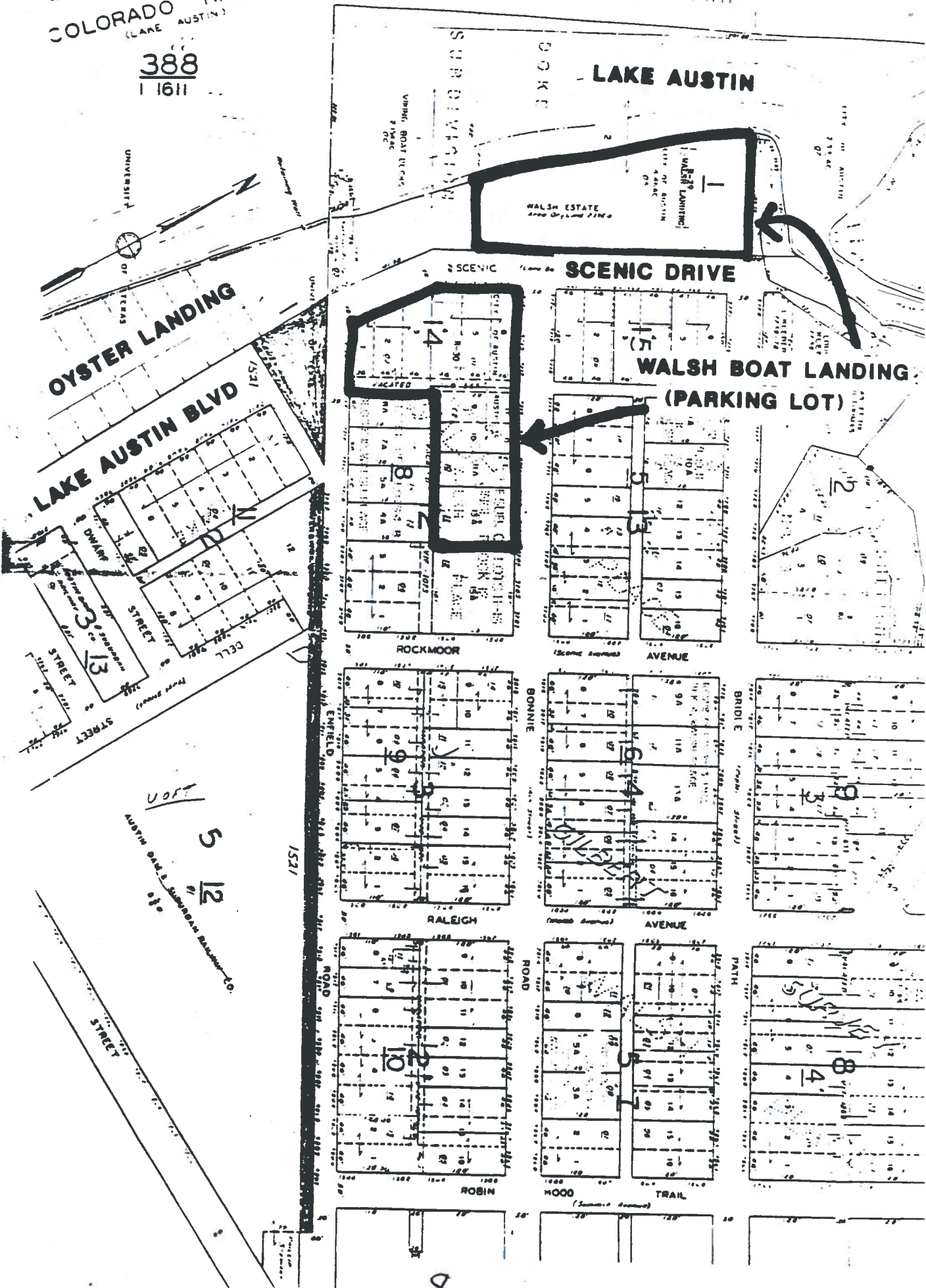
Michael J. Heitz, AIA, Director  
Parks and Recreation Department



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(LAKE AUSTIN)

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**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD  
ANNUAL REPORT 1992-93**

**1. OFFICIAL NAME OF THE COMMISSION**

Austin Parks and Recreation Board

**2. OBJECTIVES AND FUNCTIONS**

To advise the Austin City Council and City Manager on matters pertaining to the acquisition, development, sound management, maintenance and use of parks, recreational facilities and leisure services owned or controlled by the City of Austin.

**3. AUTHORITY**

Created February 8, 1934, City Code, Volume a, Chapter 24, Article II, Section 24-3; amended March 15, 1951, Ordinance No. 590604-F; amended further by Ordinance No. 771013-O, Ordinance No. 780223-F, and Ordinance No. 780223-G.

**4. NAMES, ADDRESSES, OCCUPATIONS AND ETHNICITY OF THE CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION**

<u>Names and Address</u>	<u>Ethnicity and Sex</u>
a. Rev. Sterling Lands II, Chair 8407 Danville Dr. (53) Business: Greater Calvary Missionary Baptist Church	BM
b. Doug Johnston 1607 Virginia Ave. (04) Business: Property Management	WM
c. Ron Cartlidge, Secretary/Parliamentarian 1802 Woodland Avenue (41) Business: Mendez Middle School	WM
d.. Delores G. Duffie 3004 Cherrywood Rd. (22) Business: Judicial Aide, Travis County Court At Law #7	BF
e. Phil Friday 1207 W. 10th. Street (03) Business: Attorney	WM
f. Erma Linda Cruz-Torres 2714-B Parker Ln. (41) Business: San Juan Child Development Center	HF

- Members Emeritus:**

Mrs. Louise Nivison WF  
3600 Greystone #511 (31)

Recommended to Council to identify additional funding necessary to complete Dove Springs Park and pool as it was originally proposed.

### January 1993

Recommended approving the first four pages of the subcommittee draft response regarding the Audit Report as presented by Eleanor McKinney. The subcommittee should complete the update of the appendices a, b, c, and d, to reflect the intent of the first four pages.

Recommended approval of the temporary construction easement on Walnut Creek Greenbelt.

Recommended to Council a Concession Policy.

Recommended approval of the Annual Concessions Report.

Recommended to Council entering into a contract with Rodriguez Concession, Inc. to provide the food and drink concession at Barton Springs Pool for a period of two years with no extensions.

Recommended to Council entering into a contract with Mr. Albert Kinser for the operation of Butler Pitch and Putt concession for a period of 2 years with no extension options.

Recommended to Council a resolution regarding the proposed Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan in which the Board would like to meet with the City Council regarding the park related questions still unresolved.

### February 1993

Recommended to Council naming the park in in the Dove Springs area "Dove Springs Park."

Recommended to Council accepting a grant for Dick Nichols District Park.

Recommended approval of the concept presented and work with the Capital Area Statues regarding plans for installation of a sculpture adjacent to Barton Springs Pool.

Recommended approval of park improvement agreement plans for renovation of Trail and construction of deck adjacent to the Radisson Hotel.

### March 1993

Recommended to Council naming the minor league ballfield for Ronald Lloyd Meyer at Garrison Park.

### April 1993

Recommended to Council declaring June 5, 1993 as Barton Springs Day and resolving to provide full admission to Barton Springs Pool on that day; approving an ordinance waiving admission fees to Barton Springs Pool for June 5, 1993.



Recommended to Council acceptance of \$19,720 from Work/Family Development Corporation to enhance summer camp programs at the Austin Nature Center.

Recommended to Council to negotiate and execute the agreement with Friends of the Parks for Zilker Park Playscape improvements.

Approved the quarterly report to Council on the Parks and Recreation Board Goals and Objectives for 1993.

Recommended the negotiation and execution of an agreement with Capital Metro for continued use of the Park-and-Ride Dillo lot with the added amendment that Capital Metro do a study on the feasibility of a Dillo ride between the lot and Zilker Park.

Recommended to Council to identify additional funding for lighting at the Montopolis Practice Fields.

Recommended approving the Department enter into negotiation and execute an agreement with two model aircraft clubs with the amendment that the model aircraft clubs put cable around the driveway and parking lot.

#### May 1993

Recommended to Council regarding proposed CIP for fiscal year 93-94.

Recommended to Council supporting the Guided Growth Programs.

Recommended to Council supporting the recommendations regarding navigation issues at Lake Walter E. Long to update the 1986 Navigation Plan.

Recommended to Council a new location for the memorial sculpture of Stevie Ray Vaughan along the shoreline at Auditorium Shores.

#### June 1993

Recommended to Council the endorsement of the Parks and Recreation Department proposed alternatives to the Northtown MUD Consent Agreement amendments with amendments added recommended by the Land and Facilities Committee.

#### July 1993

Recommended to Council approval of naming the park in the Quail Creek neighborhood "Quail Creek Neighborhood Park."

Recommended to Council to include funding for Civitan Park walking trail in the proposed operating budget for 1993-94.

### August 1993

Recommended approval of the negotiation and execution of an "Agreement for the Donation of Artwork" between the City and the Stevie Ray Vaughan Memorial Fund, Inc. for the installation and maintenance of a new statue in Town Lake Park.

Recommended to Council approval of naming approximately 2 acres of land along East Bouldin Creek, adjacent to the existing greenbelt, "Dawson Park."

Recommended to Council to approve proposed ordinance change regarding Chapter 14-2-2, the exemption process for boats on Town Lake, to allow the Director rather than the City Manager to approve exemptions.

Recommended to Council to approve proposed ordinance change regarding Chapter 3-3-3, regarding designation of areas for dog owners to allow their dogs to be without direct physical control (leash), to allow the Director rather than City Council to designate such areas.

Recommended to Council regarding authorization of an exchange of land to convey a portion of Water and Wastewater Utility land on Williamson Creek (approximately 420 acres) to the General Fund in exchange for land under the Waller Creek Center Office Building for construction of an 18-hole addition to Jimmy Clay Golf Course and a public library.

Approved the extension of ban on glass containers as specified in Ordinance 11-1-9 to all City of Austin parks.

Recommended staff issue Request for Proposals for the four concessions to provide the same basic service they are now providing and that the RFP's should address all of the concerns raised by staff in the memo and summarized by Ms. Griffith Peterson.

### September 1993

Recommended approval of the Gracywoods Park, Jefferson at Walnut Creek Multi-Family Project, 0.112 acre (4890 sq. feet) 15' wide permanent Water and Wastewater use agreement.

Recommended approval of the Mary Moore Searight Metropolitan Park, Slaughter Lane Wastewater Interceptor, 1.124 acre (48,950 sq. feet) 15' wide permanent Water and Wastewater Use agreement and parallel 20' wide temporary construction.

Recommended to Council regarding approval of the Travis Country (Barton Creek Municipal Utility Districts).

Recommended to Council the acceptance of donation of \$2,064.50 from Friends of the O. Henry Museum for Opportunities for Youth O. Henry Writing Club.

Recommended to Council the proposed change for driving motor vehicles on parkland.

Recommended to Council regarding approval of the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan Phases II and III.

Recommended to Council approval of naming the practice baseball field adjacent to Austin High School for "R. D. Thorp."

Recommended to Council approval of the proposed Harris Branch MUD Consent Agreement amendments regarding parks and recreational facility requirements on the condition that the City in its contract with the Harris Branch MUD obtain a binding commitment from the MUD that they will manage in perpetuity the 123 acres of greenbelt for public benefit at their expense and their liability.

Adopted five (5) sub-resolutions. (See Attachments)

6. NUMBERS OF MEETINGS HELD

23

7. ATTENDANCE

(see attached sheets)

8. NUMBER OF PUBLIC HEARINGS HELD

Three (3) Public Hearings were held by the Board and they took public comment at numerous other occasions.

9. NAVIGATION

The Parks and Recreation Board acted on 42 navigation items.

10. EXPENSE

\$ 74,624.67 Total

This includes \$ 302.03 for postage; \$ 36.00 for office supplies; \$722.40 for photocopying; and \$ 73,564.24 for staff.

11. CITY PERSONNEL WHO REGULARLY ASSIST THE COMMISSION

- a. Michael J. Heitz, Director, Parks and Recreation
- b. Jesus M. Olivares, Deputy Director, Parks and Recreation
- c. Carolyn D. Nelson, Deputy Director, Parks and Recreation
- d. Jody Hamilton, Staff Support Services Supervisor II, PARD
- e. Robert Sopronyi, Division Manager, Programs
- f. Stuart Strong, Principal Planner, Planning and Design
- g. Peter Marsh, Engineering Associate II, Planning and Design
- h. Sarah Campbell, Senior Planner, Planning and Design
- i. Sandra Chipley, Park Development Coordinator, Planning and Design
- j. Donna Bohls, Administrative Assistant III, Planning and Design
- k. Dolores R. Posada, Public Information Assistant



12. FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD WHICH ARE DUPLICATED BY ANY OTHER COMMISSION

There are no other boards that duplicate the functions of the Parks and Recreation Board.

13. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Parks and Recreation Board very strongly recommends that the Board be continued as we feel it is a very vital liaison between the community and the City Council in matters involving parks and recreation services for the citizens of Austin.

**1993-94 PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD GOALS  
BY COMMITTEE**

**Concessions Committee**

1. Study train concession in Zilker Park.
2. Refine concession policy and submit it to Austin City Council for adoption.

ad hoc Concessions Committee Membership  
1993-94

Erma Linda Cruz-Torres  
Marianne Dwight

**Land and Facilities Committee**

1. Develop policy for public access for the Barton Creek Greenbelt.
2. Develop master plan for Bull Creek Greenbelt for connectivity of park acquisition.
3. Implement project review process through all phases. Status on all projects in process monthly or quarterly.
4. Follow status of all facilities and land acquisition projects approved by voters in the bond election, utilizing Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) funds where appropriate. Implement project review process through all phases. Status on all projects in process monthly or quarterly.
5. Develop master plan for Colorado River Park.
6. Work with neighborhood to develop plan for \$100,000 of improvements at RBJ park to be constructed in 1994.

Next year's Land and Facilities Committee goals and objectives will add the following:

1. Advocate for regular use of CDBG funding for parks projects.

Land and Facilities Committee Membership  
1993-94

Eleanor McKinney, Chair  
Erma Linda Cruz-Torres  
Marianne Dwight  
Doug Johnston

### **Navigation Committee**

1. Monitor the number of water craft on Town Lake in order to have information for planning and to prevent overcrowding.
2. Continue working for the removal of safety hazards in Town Lake, Lake Austin, and Lake Walter E. Long.
3. Work to develop a plan for emergency closing of Lake Austin by boat and recreation traffic during emergency closing.
4. Identify safety hazards on Lake Austin by monitoring Lake Austin with Park Police and receiving their input and mark hazards for reasons of public safety.
5. Work to remove problems of congestion (parking and boat traffic) at the Walsh Boat Landing ramp on Lake Austin.
6. To stress the continued decrease of gasoline powered engines on Town Lake and monitor the use of power boats on the lake. Request electric motors to be used when possible. Decrease the number of waivers issued for the use of gasoline powered boats on Town Lake. Benchmark established in 1991-92 with monitoring to continue in 1993-94.
7. To develop a set of recommendations for private property in the upper portion of Lake Austin to minimize loss and damage of property during flood conditions on Lake Austin.
8. To work with the City and staff to develop a permanent facility for Lake Patrol on Lake Austin.

Next year's Navigation Committee Goals and Objectives will remain the same with the exception of dropping #3.

**Navigation Committee Membership  
1993-94**

**Ron Cartlidge, Chair  
Phil Friday**



### **Program Committee**

1. The Programs Subcommittee will become more involved and support:
  - \* City Council's number one priority, Youth, Families and Neighborhood Vitality.
  - \* Parks and Recreation Department budget issues
  - \* Support staff in their endeavors and expect the same in return
  - \* Volunteer at Special Events
  - \* Work more closely with PARD Advisory Board and support groups
2. The Programs Subcommittee will assist the Parks and Recreation Department in creating a mechanism for a formal reporting structure that will:
  - \* Create/standardize guidelines for the operation of all advisory boards and support groups
  - \* Establish a reporting structure outlining working relationships with representatives of all advisory boards, Parks Boards and staff.
  - \* Establish a formal organization chart outlining the Parks and Recreation reporting structure

### **Programs Committee Membership 1993-94**

**Erma Linda Cruz-Torres, Chair  
Rocky Medrano**

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ANNUAL REPORT 1992-93

**5. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS PRESENTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL FROM OCTOBER, 1992, THROUGH SEPTEMBER, 1993**

September 1993

[Amend sixth item to read as follows:]

Recommended to Council regarding approval of Balcones Canyonlands Conversation Plan Phases II and III, as follows:

1) The City should retain ownership and management control over all its dedicated parkland, including the Barton Creek Wilderness Park, Hanks Tract, Lanier Tract, Senna Hills Tract and Franklin Federal ("151") Tract;

2) BCCP Management Guidelines should apply only to those portions of City Parkland where there is currently no public use and wherein habitat has been confirmed;

3) Wherever possible, BCCP Management Guidelines should be interpreted in favor of permitting all existing public uses;

4) If the City acquires the Upland Tract, it should retain as parkland, free from BCCP Management Guidelines, a 200-acre section which now has some park development, and a 1,000-foot setback along both sides of Barton Creek as it passes through the Uplands and Sweetwater Ranch; and

5) The City's financial obligation to Texas Parks and Wildlife for BCCP management expense should not exceed the BCCP revenue which the City collects.

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**7. ATTENDANCE**

[Record Phil Friday as being present at August 28 Retreat Meeting.]

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**8. NUMBER OF PUBLIC HEARINGS HELD**

[Amend to read as follows:]

The Board held three formal public hearings, and took public comment on numerous other occasions.

ATTENDANCE RECORD IS TO REFLECT ALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR ON A CONTINUING CHART - DO NOT USE SEPARATE SHEET FOR EACH MEETING

NAME OF BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE/TASK FORCE:

Revised Form: 8/12/83

ATTENDANCE RECORDS FOR 1993 REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS

12	26	9	23	9	23	9	23	13	27	11	25	8	22	13	27	10	28	14	28	13	27	10	24	8
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\*fill in dates of all regular meetings. List names of all members, and for each mark X when absent; ✓ when present and \* if absent for health reasons. Send to the City Clerk's Office after each regularly scheduled meeting.

Department of Parks  
and Recreation  
City of Austin

1/11/94

Dear Boardmembers:

I wish to relay to you all the best wishes from the Page family and Langford PTA. To also thank you very deeply for your dedication and concerns in the naming of Kendra's new park.

We understand the concerns of the public. The city's obligation to address these concerns. Kendra's name means a great deal in the memories we use to correct these concerns.

The positive steps we use to promote these concerns live on in Kendra's memorial. You have been a member of that progressive movement. I hope you all understand my meaning. You should be proud as we are of you.

Thank you again.

Sincerely

Don & Glenda Page

*Don & Glenda Page*

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